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In Austria si Crede Imminente l'Invio di Truppe Italiane alla Fronte Italiana

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ROMA, 22 febbraio. Dalle notizie ieri giunte dal Quartier Generale italiano si apprende che gli aviatori austro-tedeschi hanno nuovamente compiuto delle incursioni aeree sulle città italiane, come le linee di battaglia, causando considerevoli danni.

La città di Padova fu bombardata per tre volte e fortunatamente non si ebbe a lamentare molte vittime, ma i danni causati dallo scoppio delle bombe furono abbastanza gravi. Moltissime bombe furono anche gettate sopra Venezia, Vicenza, Mestre e Treviso.

Le batterie antiaeree aprirono un intenso fuoco contro gli aviatori nemici e li costrinsero a ritirarsi prima che potessero recare maggiori danni. Una macchina austriaca fu colpita in pieno e cadde nei pressi di Volpago.

Dal cielo loro gli aviatori italiani ed inglesi attaccarono risolutamente i campi di aviazione nemici, bombardando ed incendiando le piste, distruggendo le batterie antiaeree e le macchine di bombe furono lasciate cadere sopra i campi di aviazione nemici vicino La Conca, Aviano, Vismadello e Motta di Livenza.

Le vittime causate dalla incursione degli aviatori austro-tedeschi sopra le aeree città italiane non furono molte, ma in maggioranza donne. Lungo tutta la fronte l'attività combattiva non fu molto intensa e l'azione di artiglieria fu moderata.

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CHARLES LATHROP PACK President of the National War Garden Commission of Washington, who has prepared figures to show what passage of the daylight saving bill pending in Congress would mean to war gardeners.

SAYS DAYLIGHT BILL SAVES 168,422 YEARS

War Garden Head Points Out Its Importance to Food Production

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National War Garden Commission, in a message to the National Security League in session here today, strongly endorsed the daylight saving bill now pending in Congress.

"The daylight savings bill will put a big push behind the home food production year, and in food we find security. Say we have an hour a day saved for six months of twenty-eight days each. That means 148 hours, and multiply that by ten million war gardeners and we have one billion four hundred and eighty million hours added to backyard and vacant lot cultivation.

"Think what that means to the workers in health! They will be able to get out into the bright sunshine in the best part of the day, to say nothing of what can be done in war gardens. The National War Garden Commission is co-operating with chambers of commerce, boards of trade, city beautiful commissions, banks and every organization that works for the best interest of a municipality by sending its war gardeners to help.

"We are coming to times of stress, and daylight saving will mean better health and more food, the two essentials of victory. Let us then get back to the land, where we find food, health and happiness. A people must be happy in adversity, even as King David said: 'I will sing of mercy to thee, O Lord, for thou art kind.' Let us sing of mercy to thee, O Lord, for thou art kind."

TWO HURT IN RAIL CRASH

Trolley and Locomotive Collide Near Shamokin

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 22.—In a collision between a Shamokin and Mount Carmel trolley car and a mine locomotive on the State road four miles east of here, two men were injured, one probably fatally; fourteen passengers on the trolley car were hurt from their seats and the locomotive and car were derailed.

Daniel Switzer, engineer, had both legs so badly crushed that amputation may be necessary. John Sarako, conductor, was crushed about the abdomen. Both are in the Shamokin State Hospital. The crew of the trolley car escaped by jumping.

ICE-FLOE HIDE FATAL

Child Drowned at Bordentown When Rescuers Fail

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Feb. 22.—Gertie Wood, eleven years old, living in Trenton, while picking coal near the Lator street wharf above Bordentown, along the Delaware River, accidentally fell on a cake of ice moving down the river.

PRICE BOOSTERS WARNED

Exchange Prohibits Writing of Circulars Among Traders in Coffee

DU PONTS IN THRIFT-STAMP DRIVE

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 22.—The du Pont Powder Company has proposed to its employees who have subscribed for Liberty bonds and are paying on the installment plan that they exchange the subscriptions for war-savings certificates. It is pointed out the stamps are a good investment.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DANCES

Three of them—Tea—Dinner—Supper. Good music—good service—good cheer to help make glad the birthday anniversary of the man who spent the Winter of 1777 just 24 miles from the Adelphia Hotel!

HOTEL ADELPHIA

CHESTNUT AT 13TH

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS," STILL WATCHWORD OF HEROIC FRANCE

Devoted Remnant of Port-a-Mousson Population Typical of the Spirit That Defies Germany's Invading Hosts

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in France

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN THE FIELD, Jan. 19. The power and strength of heavy cannon confront the adversary from Dunkirk to Venice, barring the bit of Switzerland. Their message of death forces ally and foe to take refuge under the earth, to lie flat upon its scorched surface, to give and take, in a fight that has endured three and a half years.

I have seen this situation on the Somme, at the Chemin des Dames, at Verdun, at Rheims and St. Mihiel and Lunelville. For months I have voyaged from one sector of the French front to another, with the ever-growing certainty in my mind that nothing the foe can ever do, even if the stretched offensive of which rumor is in the air, comes off, will ever break through; that the victory is with the Allies because of the advent of the United States.

I write these lines in the shadow of Port-a-Mousson, the little city lying upon both banks of the Moselle, the scene of tremendous fighting in the early days of the war, a picturesque town whose outer edge of houses has been for three years and a half in the very front line. In the far-back springing of 1915, I remember Port-a-Mousson, and my first sight of it, lying in a gentle haze of early spring morning. As I saw it today, a mass of ruin in the main, most of its houses were wreckage, others still standing and inhabited. I was struck with the courage of those who still lived within its borders. The majority are women, for the most obvious and oft-repeated reason that all the men are dead or in the uniform of the poilu.

SCENE OF DESOLATION I walked its desolated streets in a gale of wind and a falling mixture of rain and hail, all the way out to the front line, among the ruins of houses about which are mitrailleuses and trench mortar, and the guarding soldier of France, and back again through the city.

The Grand Place reminded me of an ancient object of art, demolished, yet standing still. The shops about it were open, selling all sorts of merchandise, the customers being only poilus of course, in the main. They offered the way they they offered the goods, flannel shirts, embroidered silk handkerchiefs, a rose or a pansy with the words, "souvenir de Port-a-Mousson."

The streets are camouflaged with sheets of coarse bagging and interlaced twigs, as are many roads about the front near the line. As far as I have observed, Port-a-Mousson is the only town along the front so protected, and the only one directly under fire and a part of first trenches on this western area of battle. In clear weather the foe can see almost into the windows of standing houses; he has been able to for three years and over; he has belched thousands of shells upon the city, but he has not passed, nor will he!

The ancient bridge over the Moselle that united the two sections of the city, August 14 the French destroyed it, but communication has been re-established in rough fashion for foot passengers only. It is so near the boche line that the enemy can distinguish with naked eye whomsoever crosses and, when he sees anything looking like an animal, he launches a tornado of shells. At the entrance to the bridge, from either side are two pillars, whose duty is to permit the crossing of only two persons at a time, since the last nineteenth time the temporary bridge was destroyed by German fire. Incidentally, I may say that Port-a-Mousson has been bombarded 286 times since the war began, and that hardly a day passes but that a few shells fall upon the little city.

WOMAN STAYS AT 'HOME' It so happened that as I crossed today my fellow passenger was a woman resident of the town, a woman on the other side of middle age, her head under a great umbrella, a fur of rabbit skin about her neck and heavy woolen socks over her shoes. She preceded me, walking slowly but solidly, a basket

WORKERS FLEE BLAST

Du Pont Employees Escape as Building at Gibbstown Is Destroyed

PAULSBORO, N. J., Feb. 22.—One of the factory buildings at the Republic plant of the du Pont Powder Company at Gibbstown was destroyed by fire which followed an explosion in the building late yesterday, entailing a loss of \$40,000 in stock.

"BOY" GETS 'CHANGE SEAT'

Messenger in New York Pays \$58,000 for Membership

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—William E. Edmonds, for eighteen years a telephone boy on the floor of the stock exchange, has purchased a stock exchange membership from Frank B. Koch for \$58,000. This is \$2000 over the price paid at the last previous sale.

READER DENIES RESIGNATION

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BURIED UNDER SLAG WITH DYNAMITE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 22.—Carrying twenty pounds of dynamite, Alexander Pearson, of Bridgewater, for many years a professional baseball player, was buried under a pile of slag near Junction Park and escaped with his life, despite the fact that his entire body is a mass of lumps. The dynamite did not explode.

PERSHING WILL GET SUPPLIES FROM SPAIN

Trade Disputes Smoothed Out by Economic Agreement Signed at Madrid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. General Pershing will get mules, army blankets and other materials from Spain in return for cotton, oil and other commodities from the United States under the terms of a pact signed yesterday at Madrid. The State Department was so advised by Ambassador Willard.

The terms of the agreement could not be learned and it was not known whether they had anything bearing on the rate of exchange between the two countries, which the United States has desired to adjust because of the recent depreciation of the American dollar in Spain, where it is now worth only about fifty cents.

Success of the negotiations for exchange of commodities was welcome news to officials here, as the ability of General Pershing to buy supplies in Spain will save ship tonnage and enable the general to build up his reserve stocks when he rejoined at a given rendezvous, to our automobile. We rode to the edge of the city, beyond to the summit of its highest point, where upon the very heights upon the German blouse could be counted, and where the steep slope of Metz Cathedral would be visible. The Metz that is destined to become France, I remember Port-a-Mousson, losing itself in the rain to the north. Directly below us were a line of trenches, out of sight through the weather and the rain.

To the right I could barely make out the forest edges of Placq and Jura, to the left the Bois Le Petre, the Priest's Wood, famous for a sanguinary record in 1914.

Everywhere there was the sense of tense waiting. We heard all about us, as we hear all over the United States, the coming German offensive, a giant offensive that aims at breaking through before the boys from the United States come, if it comes, all is ready to greet the barbarian about Port-a-Mousson, as at Verdun, the "shall not pass."

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AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS DEMAND U. S. PARLEY

Mass Meetings Called to Urge Direct Negotiations—Wild Scenes in Parliament

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—Mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States have been called by the Austrian Socialists.

The Austrian Emperor has warned the leaders of the different parliamentary parties he will prorogue the Reichsrath and govern by absolute methods if a majority is not obtained for the provisional budget.

Wild scenes in the Reichsrath on Tuesday on the occasion of Premier von Seydler's speech are described in a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung. The Czechs and Slavs at one point ostentatiously left the House and during the greater part of the Premier's speech maintained a continuous din. There were shouts of "Lead!" "Treachery!" "Kill them that in Berlin!" and similar expressions.

The Premier was audible only to those near him. Czech protests are loud against the advance of the German troops in Russia. The Poles are extremely dissatisfied with the Austrian Government and demand the Ukraine frontier shall be fixed at the River Bug and that Count Csereni, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, be dismissed.

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EXPLAINS ATTITUDE OF U. S. TOWARD LABOR

Special Agent of Government Brings Message of Friendship to Union Men Here

I. A. Aiton, a special agent of the Department of Labor, is in Philadelphia conducting a public campaign explaining the attitude of the United States Government toward organized labor.

Mr. Aiton is one of the ten "missionaries" sent out from Washington to cover the country in the campaign. He has made his headquarters at the Federal Employment Service, 126 South Third street. He will speak to every labor union in this section.

"This mission," he said, "is more of a publicity stunt at the present time. I go from union to union, wherever the chance comes, and explain the plans which the department wants to take to make labor a great army and to conciliate any differences between employer and the employed.

"I shall especially work in those trade unions which comprise in the main the munitions workers and explain to shipyard workers the reasons and the results of the threatened strike of the ship carpenters, which President Wilson handled.

SENTENCED FOR ARSON

Four Years for David Radin, Fifteen Months for Israel Freed

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Feb. 22.—Israel Freed and David Radin, convicted recently of arson in connection with the Capital City gas factory fire in East Stroudsburg, have been sentenced by Judge Seale, of Honesdale, Freed to fifteen months and Radin four years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

The lawyers asked for clemency, asserting the prisoners were the tools of men "higher" up. The arson case attracted notoriety on account of the prominence of the men. The fire in the large factory caused a loss of nearly \$100,000.

TRAINING CAMP BOXES OF GOODIES WHICH WILL BE APPRECIATED

Mitchell, Fletcher & Co., Inc. Grocers Chestnut St. at 18th & 12th 5708 G't'n Ave.

Advertisement for Maule's Seeds, featuring various seed products and their benefits for gardeners. Includes text like 'Once Grown Always Grown' and 'The Maule Seed Book'.

Advertisement for Mawson & DeMany furs, featuring a large sale of furs and various fur coats and scarves. Includes text like 'Our Great Removal Sale of FURS Brings A Stounding Savings'.

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Advertisement for Washington's Birthday Dances at the Adelphia Hotel, featuring a list of items and prices for the event.